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SATURDAY EVENING, JULY 29, 1922.

THE PLEASANT VALLEY REUNION.

THE school reunion in Pleasant Valley which is planned for the first Sunday in September is a most original and pleasing idea, and the occasion should be an enormous success, if former teachers and old pupils can be notified in time to gather in for it.

The school, according to report, was organized in 1864. That was a long time ago, but there should be some of the first scholars still living who can tell many interesting stories of school days in Pleasant Valley fifty-eight years ago.

In this reunion it should be possible to see the enormous effect of the training of the little rural school house upon the country's citizenship as a whole. There will be men and women who are towers of strength in their chosen fields of endeavor, and these will be able to relate certain thoughts and truths, first impressed upon them in the little Pleasant Valley school house, that have clung with the years and frequently balanced a decision that meant a parting of ways incalculable in effect.

The reunion will be a close communion affair in that no outsider will be able to feel the cord of sympathy and affection that school days have interwoven between the scholars once assembled within the sheltering walls of this particular school. As mature years come on it is difficult to form friendships. The spirit withdraws within itself and open trusting confidence of youth vanishes. Affection is not so eager, and life is so full of cares and business that time to cultivate new people, and learn to trust and like them is too scant for the attempt.

The real, abiding, friendships of life are formed in school days. The years spent in mutual interests, in sharing mutual joys, sorrows, punishments, rewards, bind firmly together for all time, and no school mate can stray so far away, or vanish from sight long enough for his actions or his progress to fall in interest to the school mates left behind. The Pleasant Valley school reunion will bring many together who have not seen each other for years, but affection will not have waned in that time, and greetings will be sincerely glad and joyous. The teachers who spent years in the service of the school house will be able in many instances to see the "slow" pupil over whom they had misgivings—a fine, alert business man, and they will see the handicapped scholar who has beaten his way out and up to his place in the sun. It is certain that the reunion, where they can look in the faces of men and women from whom they parted on the eve of manhood and womanhood, will bring to them the assurance that their time has been well spent, and their work well rewarded.

The Pleasant Valley school bell will ring with a tinge of sadness on that September Sunday even though it be cloaked with a joyous clamor, for a return to the scenes of the past carries with it a regret for swift speeding youth, and there will be absence of beloved feet that once trod alongside so buoyantly. In the main, though, it will be a happy day and should result in drawing closer the alumni to the present aims and hopes of the school. Things are vastly different now from what they were even a few years ago. Schools like that of Pleasant Valley are expanding into ambitious desire to keep pace with the front ranks of education. Boys and girls graduating from this school expect to have as much as the boys and girls who finish a like course in the cities. It takes community boasting to do this, and the sympathy of parents and alumni.

TOGETHER.

FOUR towns are scheduled to take part in the celebration at Shinnston which marks the connecting of that town to the other towns participating, by hard surfaced highway. It is fine to see these other places turning out for the celebration.

THE MAID ON THE COURTHOUSE

"Well, well, my old friend Bill Bailey," said the maid as she glimpsed Thuy Will, "coming up the main highway this morning. And just as pleasantly plump as ever."
"You says 'er, girlie," replied Bill, "I am one of the nicest little fellows that ever came down the pike."
"And don't I know it, Bill," replied the maid, "you have always been a friend of mine. How's your golf coming along?"
"Just great," said Bill, "I make nine in forty-two and one hundred and twenty now."
"What's mean?" said the maid. "I mean I can make nine holes in forty-two strokes and one hundred and twenty minutes."
"I see. Two hours to make the course."
"Did they ever set that nineteenth hole fixed up out at the Country Club?"
"Well, not very good," said Bill. "Now and again they get it fixed up temporarily so a few of the boys can have putting it down practice, but it doesn't stay fixed very long. However, that doesn't make any difference to me as I have not played the nineteenth hole for so long that I forget how to say 'here's how' or 'happy days.'"
"I noticed you were looking pretty hard," said the maid.
"I am hard. I am in the best condition of any bird in this town. I can play all day on the hottest day of the year and never feel tired; I can do the 100 yard dash in fifteen seconds flat, chin the bar and what do you think—he's

bration, which now bids fair to be one of the greatest ever staged in the community. It is the get-together spirit that wins. Shinnston is a live town with a great spirit for boosting. The civic organizations there are alive to opportunity and full of ambition. The completion of the road that will bring Shinnston close to Fairmont, and the surrounding towns, means the acquiring of more strength for the furthering of mutual interests, and another recruit for the march of development.

While it has long been the custom for each community and township to pull for itself alone, yet this selfish ambition is fast giving way in modern days to united concerted endeavor for the whole good. Easy communication has established such a feeling of neighborliness that ideas have broadened, and aims have widened, to include something finer and bigger than that possible for the narrow clan spirit to accomplish.

The future offers unbounded opportunity in this section of West Virginia. Some of the things that will be offered may be too large for any town singly to cope with, but the future will have to hustle in opportunity, if anything is presented that is too large for the entire community to tackle with every town, large and small, in line. Good feeling, good fellowship, every township and every citizen right up in the harness is what the life of the day requires. The four towns greeting Shinnston on Monday represent this kind of spirit, and they will shake hands with a kindred spirit in Shinnston. What cannot be accomplished alone, can be accomplished together, should be the slogan for all these sister towns living so close together with interests so completely allied.

A JEREMIAH

WITHIN thirty days there is not going to be enough of the world left to put under a bushel basket according to a Philadelphia prophet who announces that "southern Europe, northern Africa, and the whole of Asia will be destroyed by earthquake, and the residents of these countries all killed. The western section of the United States beyond the Rocky Mountains is also scheduled to disappear."

There is no doubt, what with the railroad strike and coal strike and this additional earthquake difficulty, people are going to have a tough time. The especially nasty thing about the prophesy, which emanates from a physician of the Quaker City, is that, his own city is exempt. There will probably be a large protest from San Francisco and other points west about the singular selfishness of such a prophesy.

Going by the declaration of the gifted physician, it is now high time for immigration restriction to be lifted, if some millions are to be saved from a watery grave; also, the slogan, "Go west, young man," should be shelved for the time being, and urgent advice to 'bout face be distributed.

It is a fine thing to be able to save the Rockies, however. If the Rockies had been scheduled to follow the rest of the west that "See America First" stuff would not be worth a censure, and Europe would be able shortly to absorb all our remaining loose change.

Much has been said about the amount of vegetables and fruit received in the eastern markets. It is a pretty safe bet that this prophet physician has been dining exclusively upon green peas and cucumbers. Powerfully impressive dreams could come from such a diet. In the meantime folks east of the Rockies can take their ease. It might be added too, as an after thought, that probably folks west of the Rockies, in Southern Europe, northern Africa, and the whole of Asia can also take their ease.

The Methodists are in hard luck. A delegation from that church should wait upon the weather man preceding any further plans for a picnic. Perhaps he misunderstood this affair and thought it was the Baptists who were picnicking. He produced a humdinger day for a Baptist party, all right.

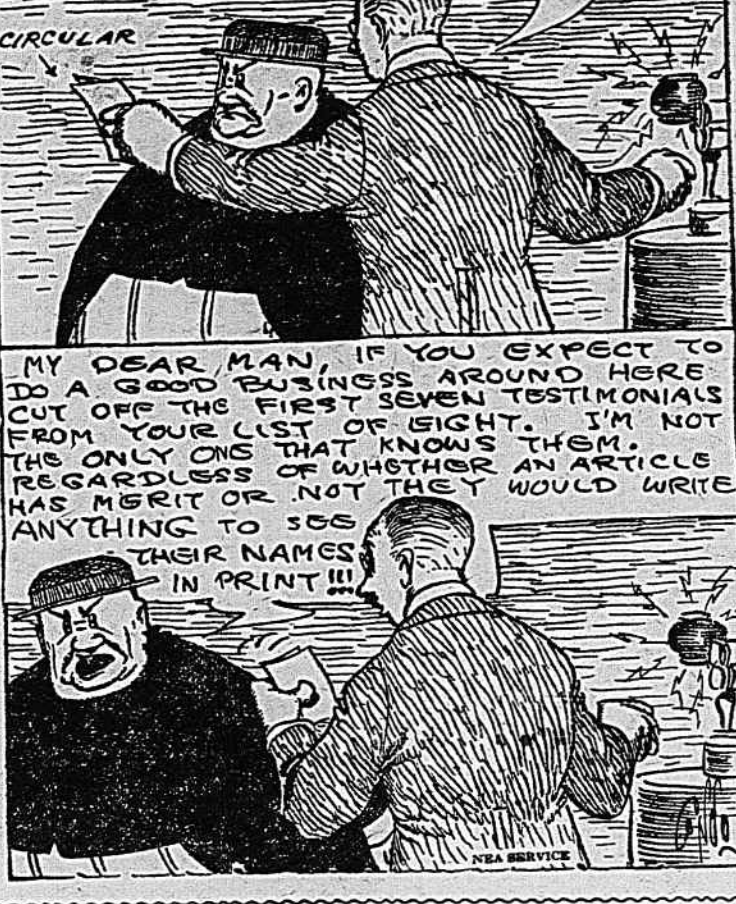
Fairmont is fortunate to have escaped the terrible force of the storms that has been striking all about this immediate community. Both yesterday, and the day before, neighboring cities and counties suffered heavy loss because of destructive hail storms, and farmers in many parts of this territory look with saddened eyes upon harvest fields almost completely ruined, corn crops striped into ribbons, and gardens that were so fine and flourishing, beaten into the ground. It is certainly to be hoped that the loss will not be so great after the sunshine gets a chance to straighten things up, as it now appears to be. This has been a most seasonable year in this section and crops gave wonderful promise, it would be a calamity to have them destroyed.

Probably those boys who rocked that boat at Viropa, and caused the drowning of a little girl, and almost the drowning of a woman, were only amusing themselves with the frightened screams of the occupants of the boat, but no words can be found to sufficiently condemn the awfulness of such an action. No doubt the boys are full of sorrow for their terrible act, and it would be safe to bank on the assurance that none of them will ever rock a boat again, or permit another to do so in their presence, but there is also no doubt but that those boys had been told and knew the danger of rocking a boat, and the knowledge was not enough to restrain them from what they thought "fun." These boys deliberately committed a murder, yet it would be hard to find even one who would wish to bring such a charge against a number of lads, irresponsible and careless. Punishment should certainly be forthcoming, however, and it should be severe enough to produce a lasting impression.

eighty-two times without stopping and climb a tree like a squirrel."
"That's fine, Bill."
"Jimmiey cousins, yes," agreed Bailey.
"By the way," said the maid, "they tell me I. O. Caldwell has gone in for golf."
"Yes," said Bill, "he is making a good showing too. He only has one fault. He insists on driving with his putter."
"Well, they can fix that by making the greens longer."
"That's a good idea."
"How's the football situation, Bill?"
"Jimmiey cousins, I don't know," said Bill, "but that there Stansbury guy had better reserve me my regular standing room for that Wesleyan game in September or there will be a funeral for a director down in Morgantown this fall."
"He'll take care of you, Bill. And what do you think—he's

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going to put in a rad outfit for me, so I can get all the dope in a hurry that day."
"Adams a nice boy," said Bill, as he started for a restaurant to order three breakfasts for himself.

RUFF STUFF

Morgantown wins and Izetta Brown speaks there Monday.

But perhaps Fairmont will get the Wesleyan game.

Indications are that we will have a nice Sunday if it doesn't rain.

We could sleep all morning Sunday if the newsboys were muzzled.

But perhaps it is all for the best they do wake us up.

At any rate we are not going to kick about a newsie. They are good scouts.

According to stories coming from certain sections, it isn't safe to whip a child anymore.

It seems a case of spare the rod and your own life at the same time.

"Shorty" Molten says: "When the umpire's right, we have no alibi."

But who ever heard of an umpire being right?

Not the kind that "Shorty" draws anyhow.

A bunch of parrots have been received here. Whose going to furnish the crackers?

Only one more working day after today before the primary.

Gosh, ain't the tension awful.

Afraid we'll be so nervous we won't be able to vote.

That is more than once.

Don't see how some people can stand the strain of voting three and four times.

Unless they take something for it.

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PROHIBITION RAID MADE BY OFFICERS

Anna Kulcheski, of No. 9 mines was arrested yesterday by county officers charged with a violation of the prohibition laws. A raid was made at her home and two moonshine stills and a quantity of whiskey were found. She was brought to the court house and arraigned to give bond of \$500 before Justice J. J. Blocher for her appearance before the September grand jury.

MAKING PROGRESS ON ROAD PROGRAM

Work has now started on every one of the \$391,000 Union District road improvement projects with the exception of the Benton's Ferry road. Work on this road is scheduled to be under way, and will be started before many days.

There are ten projects in the road improvement program, the most expensive and most costly being that on Morgantown avenue, where a fine thirty feet brick street will be laid on a five inch concrete base. Along some parts of the avenue where the street will permit the pavement will be as much as 36 feet in width, which is about 6 feet wider than Main street from curb to curb. Work in Morgan town avenue was started about one week ago and is progressing rapidly.

Other projects which have been started include Water street, Merchant street, Columbia street, State street, Grafton road, within and without the city limits, Hope-well road, within and without city limits.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FAIRMONT-MONONGAIA ROAD

FAIRMONT, July 29.—(Editor, The West Virginian).—There are now four roads leading out from Fairmont, namely, Fairmont to Mannington, Fairmont to King-mont, Fairmont to Rivesville and Twelfth street to Monongah.

Since the state has taken over those roads there has been much improvements, especially on the road from Twelfth street to Monongah.

T. F. Randall of Diamond street East Side, was appointed patrol-

man on this road, and W. H. Davis, maintenance engineer, certainly has a fine record of that road, it being formerly the worst section leading from Fairmont and today is considered the best of them all by automobile drivers of Fairmont.

LAST SERVICES PLANNED FOR WILLIAMS MEMORIAL

The last services in the old William Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church on Walnut avenue will be held tomorrow, and the first services in the new Billingslea Memorial Church at Fairmont avenue and Third street, which is to replace the old church, will be next Sunday, according to announcements issued by church officials this morning.

The Rev. Robert Brown, present pastor of the church, will preach at 10:45 in the morning. His address will be a sermon of farewell to the old church. The Rev. W. I. Canter of Clarksburg, a former minister of the church, will deliver a similar discourse at 8 o'clock in the evening. A short compilation of historical facts in connection with the Williams Memorial Church will be read at this service.

CAMP PARTY

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., July 29.—Enrollment for the West Virginia Farm Women's camp at Camp Stonewall Jackson, at Jackson's Mill, August 21 to 26, are now being received. Arrangements have only been made to entertain about 100 women, so early enrollments are being made. Some counties have already sent in their quota. Other counties are doing so rapidly. Indications point to the camp enrollment being completed well in advance of the date for the opening.

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Candidate for

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---DR. A. R. WARDEN

DR. A. R. WARDEN FOR THE SENATE

Taylor County Candidate Is Seeing Republicans In Monongalia County Today.

Dr. A. R. Warden, of Grafton, candidate for the nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of state senator from the Marion-Monongalia-Taylor district, is in Morgantown today and expects to spend several days among the voters of the county. On the official ballot furnished by the secretary of state to the circuit clerk, his name appears as Dr. A. E. Warden. The middle initial is wrong, but the man mentioned on the official ballot and the candidate are one and the same person. It is hardly necessary to make this explanation to Monongalia voters, many of whom have known, or known of Dr. Warden or a long time. He has been very active in politics, especially in his own county and this senatorial district. For eight years, he was chairman of the Taylor County Republican committee and for an additional four years, was a member thereof.

Dr. Warden has never before sought public office, and is a candidate for the state senate this time largely because the Taylor County Republican Committee forced him to take the candidacy because it was Taylor county's turn. Dr. Warden, however, was appointed a member of the state board of health during the administration of the late Governor W. M. O. Dawson and served through eight years, the last four being under Governor Hatfield.

"You will find that I am friendly to the state University and willing to do whatever I can for its further expansion, development and usefulness," said Warden to a Post representative this morning. "I am familiar with all the counties of the district, their special needs and believe I can be of service in the senate, because I will find there many men whom I have known personally for years. I expect, of course, to carry my own county, and hope that my friends in Marion and Monongalia counties will see that majorities are returned for me. They have to choose between Mr. Jacob, also of Grafton, and myself, and naturally enough, I want to take this opportunity of asking the people of Monongalia to make me their choice."